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SUBJECT: MBFR: MEETING OF SUBGROUP ON DATA SUPPORT

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B. USNATO 6085

C. USNATO 5657

D. USNATO 5096

E. USNATO 4239

SUMMARY. MBFR SUBGROUP ON DATA SUPPORT WILL MEET NOVEMBER 27 TO DISCUSS SEVERAL MBFR DATA AND DTA RELATED QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST AGENDA ITEM ON NOVEMBER 27 MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP AGENDA IS "CONSIDERATION OF COMPARISON DATA TABLES COVERING NATO AND WP GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE NGA" (AC/276(SGDS)-N/29, PREVIOUSLY POUCHED TO DOD MBFR TASK FORCE). WE UNDERSTAND THESE SECRET

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COMPARISON TABLES REPRESENT SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN'S EFFORT TO MATCH NATO AND WARSAW PACT (WP) DATA. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM MISSION OFFICER, CHAIRMAN SAID DURING TIME IMS, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WAS WORKING ON FINALIZING MCM ON PACT FORCES, HE HAD CONTINUED

ASSEMBLYING DATA ON NATO FORCES. CHAIRMAN ADDED HE DREW NATO DATA IN COMPARISON TABLES FROM NATIONAL INPUTS, USING WHERE POSSIBLE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION (DPQ(74)) TO MAKE NATO DATA COMPARABLE TIME WISE TO PACT DATA. DATA ON US FORCES IS BASED ON WASHINGTON GUIDANCE (REF A) AS EXPLAINED IN REF B. THE DATA ON US FORCES IN N/29 APPARENTLY IS THE SAME AS UPDATED US PORTION OF ANNEX B TO AC/276-D(74)5. WP DATA IS EXTRACTED FROM MCM (PRIMARY SOURCE); CHAIRMAN IS EXPANDING DATA IN COMPARISON TABLES FOR WP (WITH MC 224 DATA), AS NECESSARY AND WHTER POSSIBLE, TO MATCH CHAIRMAN'S DEVELOPED DATA ON NATO FORCES. CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO REFINE FURTHER WP DATA IN COMPARISON TABLES ONCE MC 224/74 PRODUCED FIGURES BECOME NATO AGREED; CHAIRMAN SAYS IMS, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION EXPECTS AGREEMENT AT NOVEMBER 28 MC MEETING. REGARDING MCM ON PACT FORCES WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE NOW AGREED OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE TO MCM. IMS HAS INCORPORATED NATIONAL COMMENTS/CORRECTIONS INTO MCM WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT PRINTERS. IMS, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION EXPECTS TO CIRCULATE NATO AGREED MCM DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25. WE BELIEVE AT NOVEMBER 27 MEETING CHAIRMAN IN ESSENCE WILL ASK FOR SUBGROUP AGREEMENT TO SCOPE/FORMAT OF N/29, AND INDIVIDUAL REPS AGREEMENT TO DATA ON THEIR NATION'S FORCES, WHILE POINTING OUT THAT NATO WILL HAVE TO AMEND DATA, ESPECIALLY PACT DATA, AS IT BECOMES NATO AGREED. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS ON USEFULNESS AND SCOPE OF COMPARISON TABLES (N/29) AND WASHINGTON AGREEMENT OR CORRECTIONS TO DATA ON US FORCES (REQUESTED IN USNATO 6085). IN ADDITION, MISSION WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON ANY PORTION OF N/29. END ACTION REQUESTED.

2. SECOND AGENDA ITEM IS "PUBLICATION OF NATO DATA TABLES PERIOD END 1973." WE UNDERSTAND THIS WILL BE A ROUTINE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ON STATUS OF HIS EFFORT TO UPDATE "BLUE BOOK" ON NATO AND WP FORCES (SEE REF C).

3. THIRD ITEM IS "COMMENTS ON ENTRIES PROPOSED FOR THE REFERENCE LIST" (AC/276(SGDS)-N/18(3RD REVISE), PREVIOUSLY MAILED TO DOD MBFR TASK FORCE). WE UNDERSTAND PURPOSE OF
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PLACING REFERENCE LIST ON AGENDA IT TO SEEK NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ITS CONTENTS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS OR AGREEMENT TO REFERENCE LIST. END ACTION REQUESTED.

4. FOURTH ITEM IS "CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED FOR UPDATING NATO FORCES DATA BI-ANNUALLY" (AC/276(SGDS)-N/28, PREVIOUSLY POUCHED). (SEE PARA 5, USNATO 5096 AND USNATO 4239.) ACTION REQUESTED: CURRENT WASHINGTON VIEWS ON NEED FOR FUTURE UPDATING OF NATO DATA FOR MBFR PURPOSES.
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